

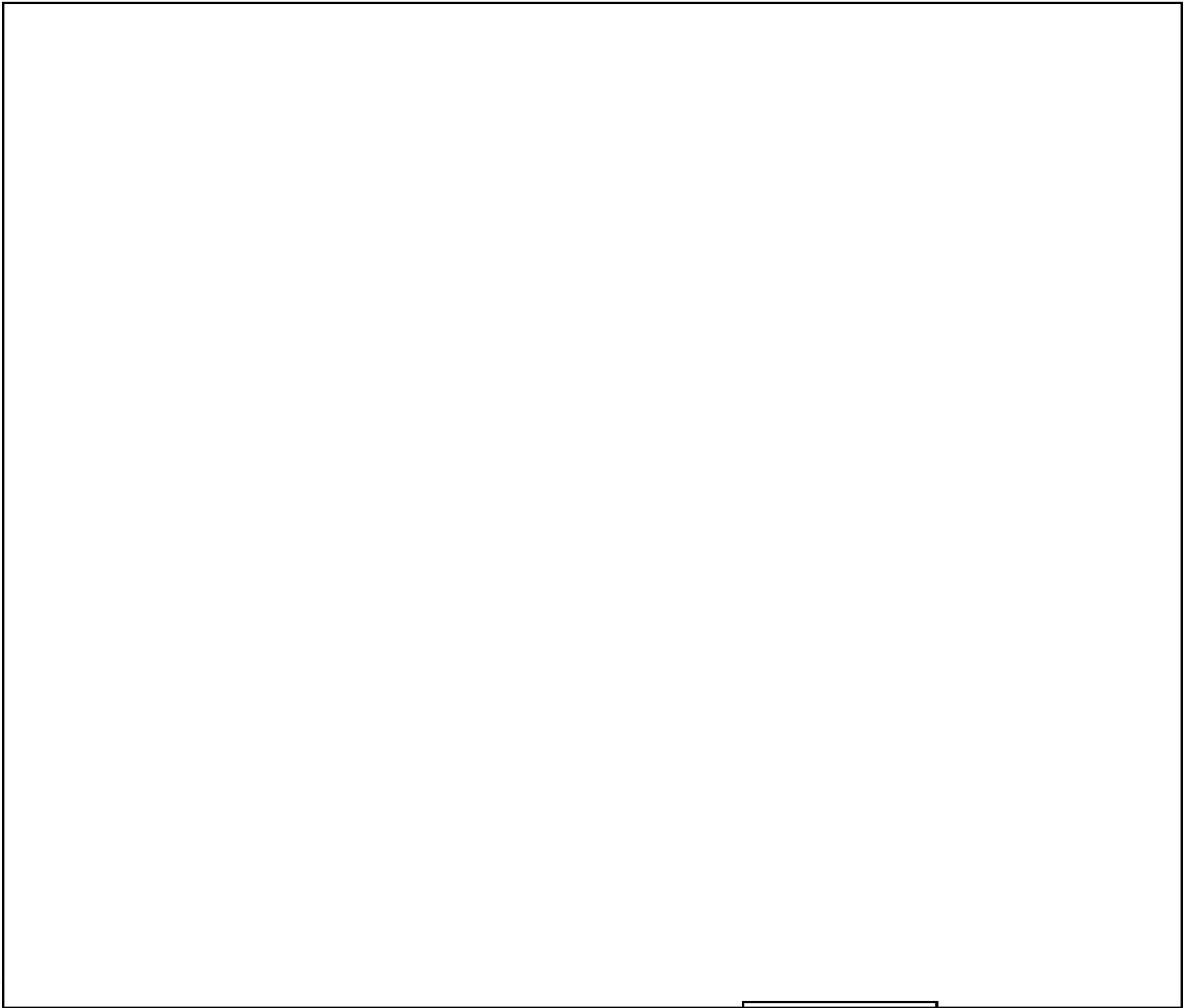
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12. [redacted] LIAISON Together with [redacted] OGC, and [redacted] Technical Division, Office of Security, briefed Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, this afternoon and discussed the spectrum of the technical capabilities and the legal implications of our audio countermeasures and monitoring activities on the Hill. This was prompted by a discussion at this morning's House Armed Services Intelligence Subcommittee meeting. See Memorandum for the Record.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Frank Slatinshek on our
Countermeasures on the Hill

1. Representatives from our office, Office of General Counsel and the Technical Division of the Office of Security met with Frank Slatinshek, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, this afternoon and discussed the spectrum of the technical capabilities and the legal implications of our monitoring activities on the Hill.

2. Mr. Slatinshek said he had been aware in the past as to the capabilities but had not focused on them until the recent revelations of electronic eavesdropping. He asked that the briefing given to him, be given to the full Committee and thought it best that this be done after we contact the Attorney General. He felt that when the Members get the full picture they would agree that if effective security is to be maintained, the program must continue. He suggested that we similarly brief our other oversight committees. Ed Braswell, Chief Counsel, Senate Armed Services Committee, was with Slatinshek when the briefers arrived and Slatinshek indicated that he had told Braswell of this matter.

3. Mr. Slatinshek noted that the House Sergeant at Arms has the same countermeasures program. The possibility exists, though not discussed, that if we must terminate our program, the House people could pick it up.





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